Single-window facilitator for foreign investment

1658. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the appointment of single-window facilitator for foreign investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (c) Foreign Investment Implementation Authority (FIIA) has been set up in August, 1999 to act as the single-point interface between foreign investors and various Central/State Government agencies in resolving implementation issues related to FDI. FIIA meets at regular intervals to discuss and resolve implementation issues related to FDI.

Decline in infrastructure growth

1659. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infrastructure growth has come down to 2 per cent in April-December, 2001 as compared to 6.8 per cent during April-December, 2000;

(b) if so, the details of the sectors where the downward trend has been significant; and

(c) the causes for this downward trend and what is the estimated projection of growth of infrastructure in the year 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The overall growth rate for the sue infrastructure industries, namely, crude petroleum, petroleum refinery products, cement, finished steel, coal and electricity have been 2 per cent

during April-December, 2001 as compared to 6.8 per cent during April-December, 2000. Crude petroleum and finished steel registered negative growth rates, while petroleum refinery products registered a positive but a significantly low growth rate during April-December, 2001 as compared to growth rates achieved during April-December, 2000.

(c) The overall economic slowdown, low investment in infrastructure sector, shortage of power due to shortfall in creation of new capacities and lack of demand especially in the case of steel are -some of the main reasons for downward trend in the growth rates for the six infrastructure industries. The estimated overall growth rates for six infrastructure industries are not available. However, targeted production for the fiscal year 2001-02 *vis-a-vis* 2000-01 for each of the six infrastructure industries are given below:

	Unit	Target (2000-01)	Target (2001-02)	% Variation
Crude Petroleum	Thousand Tonnes	32464	32503	0.1
Petroleum Refinery Products	Thousand Tonnes	112823	113464	0.6
Coal	Million Tonnes	308.07	325.65	5.7
Cement	Lakh Tonnes	1070	1050	-1.9
Finished Steel	Thousand Tonnes	34579	34782	0.6
Electricity	Billion Unit	500.7	539.50	7.7